

REMARKS

The Official Action dated August 9, 2006 has been received and its contents carefully noted. In view thereof, claim 1 has been amended in order to better define that which Applicants regard as the invention. Further, filed concurrently herewith is a Submission of Formal Drawings wherein the objections set forth by the Examiner in the Official Action have been cured. As previously, claims 1, 3-7, 10 and 11 are presently pending in the instant application.

With reference now to the Official Action and particularly page 4 thereof, Applicants wish to acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 1, 3-7, 10 and 11 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph set forth in the Office Action. As can be seen from the foregoing amendments, independent claim 1 has been amended to overcome the indefiniteness noted by the Examiner. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 1 as well as those claims which depend therefrom are now in proper formal condition for allowance.

With reference to page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner has refused entry and acceptance of Applicants' substitute formal drawings filed July 26, 2006. In this regard, filed concurrently herewith is a Substitute Submission of Formal Drawings wherein those objections noted by the Examiner which are proper have been cured and consequently, it is respectfully submitted that Applicants' several figures are now in proper formal condition for allowance.

With respect to paragraph 2(a), Applicants have properly included the heading "Replacement Sheet" on each sheet of drawings and further have included Fig. 5 on sheet 4.

With respect to paragraph 2(b), the Examiner states that the lead line for referential numeral 12, in Fig. 1 is misplaced. However, it is respectfully submitted that this is not the

case. Each of figures 1 and 6 properly include lead line 12 which is directed to the wire which extends from the attachment bracket 9, through the guide member 14 and around the rear end of the supporting portion of 5b and subsequently attaches to the pedal supporting shaft 11. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the lead line for referential numeral 12 is properly set forth in Figs. 1 and 6.

With respect to the elongated hole 5i, it is noted that Applicants' copy of Fig. 2B as previously submitted clearly shows reference numeral 5i rather than 51 as stated by the Examiner. With the submission of a current formal drawings, should the Examiner continue to believe that reference numeral 5i is not clear, he is hereby invited to contact counsel.

With respect to the size of the reference characters set forth in Figs. 2D and 3, with the concurrently filed Submission of Substitute Formal Drawings, it is respectfully submitted that these reference numerals are now of proper size. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that those informalities noted by the Examiner in paragraph 2(b) of the Official Action are either originally proper or now comply with the requirements set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.84.

With respect to paragraph 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that the original drawings are objected to because (a) the drawings are inconsistent with each other, (b) the drawings should show the plane on which a sectional view in Fig. 3 or Fig. 4 is taken, and (c) in Fig. 1 the lead line for referential numeral 12 is misplaced. In this regard, the Examiner's attention is directed to Fig. 2D as submitted concurrently herewith wherein the Fig. 3 clearly shows the bracket 9 and cover 13 formed as a 2-piece structure. That is, as the Examiner can readily appreciate the cross hatch lines extend in a diagonal direction from an upper left hand side to a lower right hand side while the cross hatched lines of element 9 extend from an upper right hand side to a lower left hand side of the element. Accordingly, it is respectfully

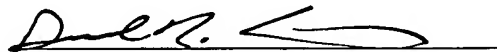
submitted that Fig. 3 clearly shows elements 9 and 13 as separate structures. Further, it is noted that Fig. 4 merely illustrates the cover 13 and does not illustrate the bracket 9. Consequently, Fig. 4 correctly illustrates the cover 13 as a one-piece structure.

With respect to the plane upon which the sectional view in Figs. 3 and 4 are taken, with the submission of the substitute formal drawings, Fig. 2D clearly illustrates the plane on which these figures are taken. Additionally, as noted hereinabove, it is respectfully submitted that the lead line for referential numeral 12 is not misplaced and properly indicates the wire set forth in the figure.

Accordingly, with the Substitute Submission of Formal Drawings filed concurrently herewith as well as the foregoing Amendments, it is respectfully submitted that Applicants' specification, drawings and claims are now in proper formal condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe a conference would be of benefit in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, he is hereby invited to telephone counsel to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,



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